



# RED MEAT UPDATES

## TASMANIA

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# Realising the potential in ewe

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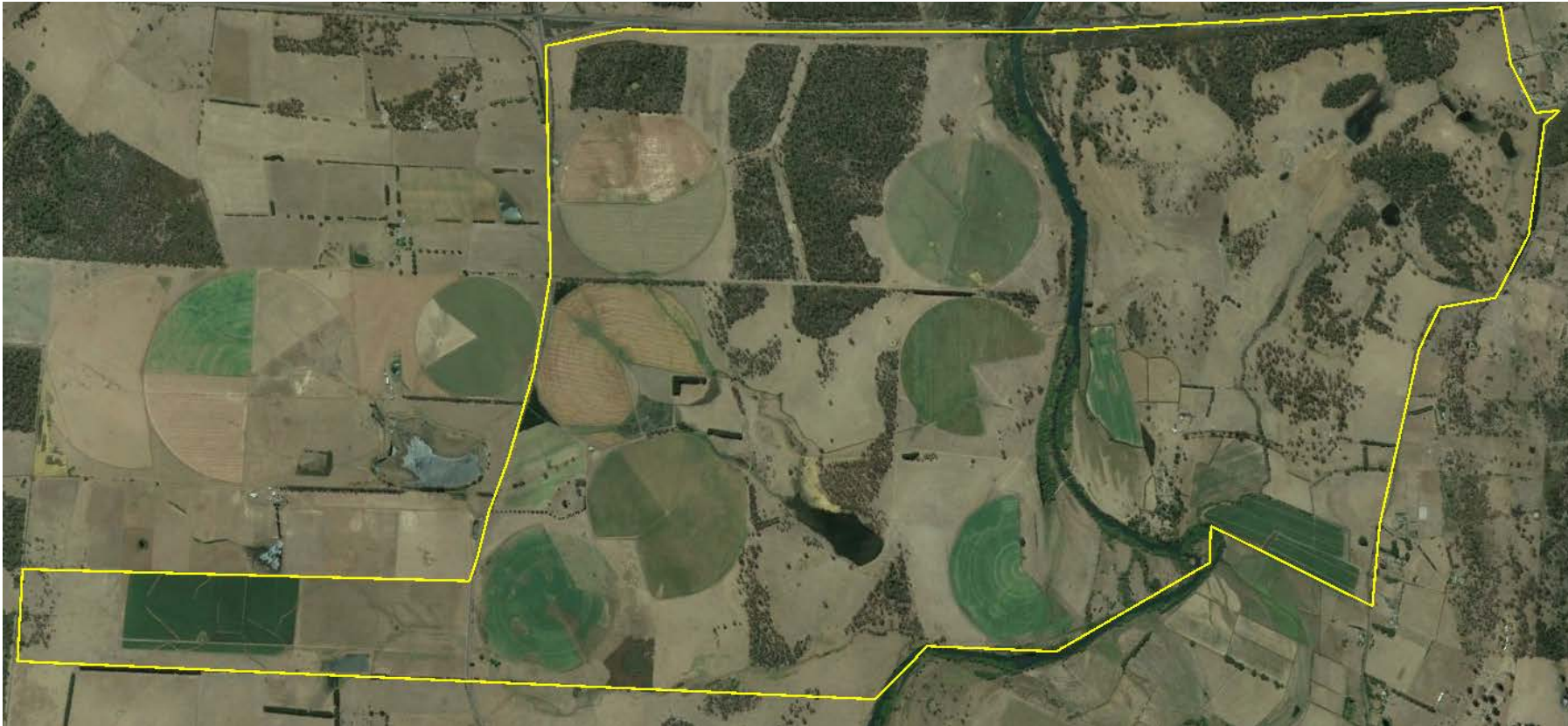
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# Overview



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# Enterprises



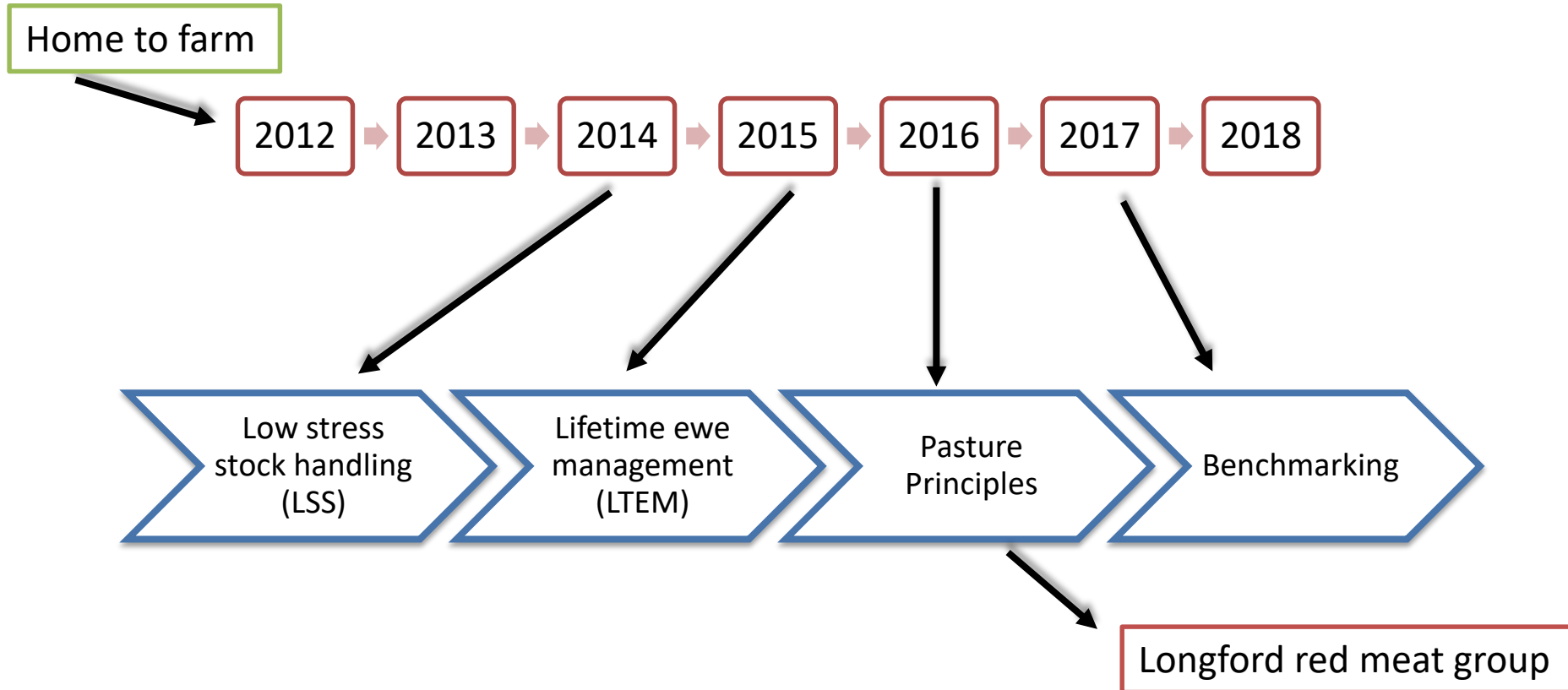
## Livestock

- Cattle:
  - 120 cow and calf breeding enterprise.
- Prime lambs:
  - 4000 first-cross breeders
  - finishing about 5000 – 5500 lambs.

## Cropping / irrigated platform

- Current rotation:
  - Poppies
  - Ryegrass seed
  - Clover seed (red and white)
  - Peas
  - Carrot seed
  - Clover fodder

# Skilling up



# In the beginning...

	<b>2014</b>
Ewes joined	2,166
Ewe condition	?
Marking percentage	122%
Lambs finished	3,330



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# Life time ewe (LTEM)

The importance of condition score....

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
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Ewe condition	?	2.8
Marking percentage	122%	131%
Lambs finished	3,330	3,758





# Pasture principles

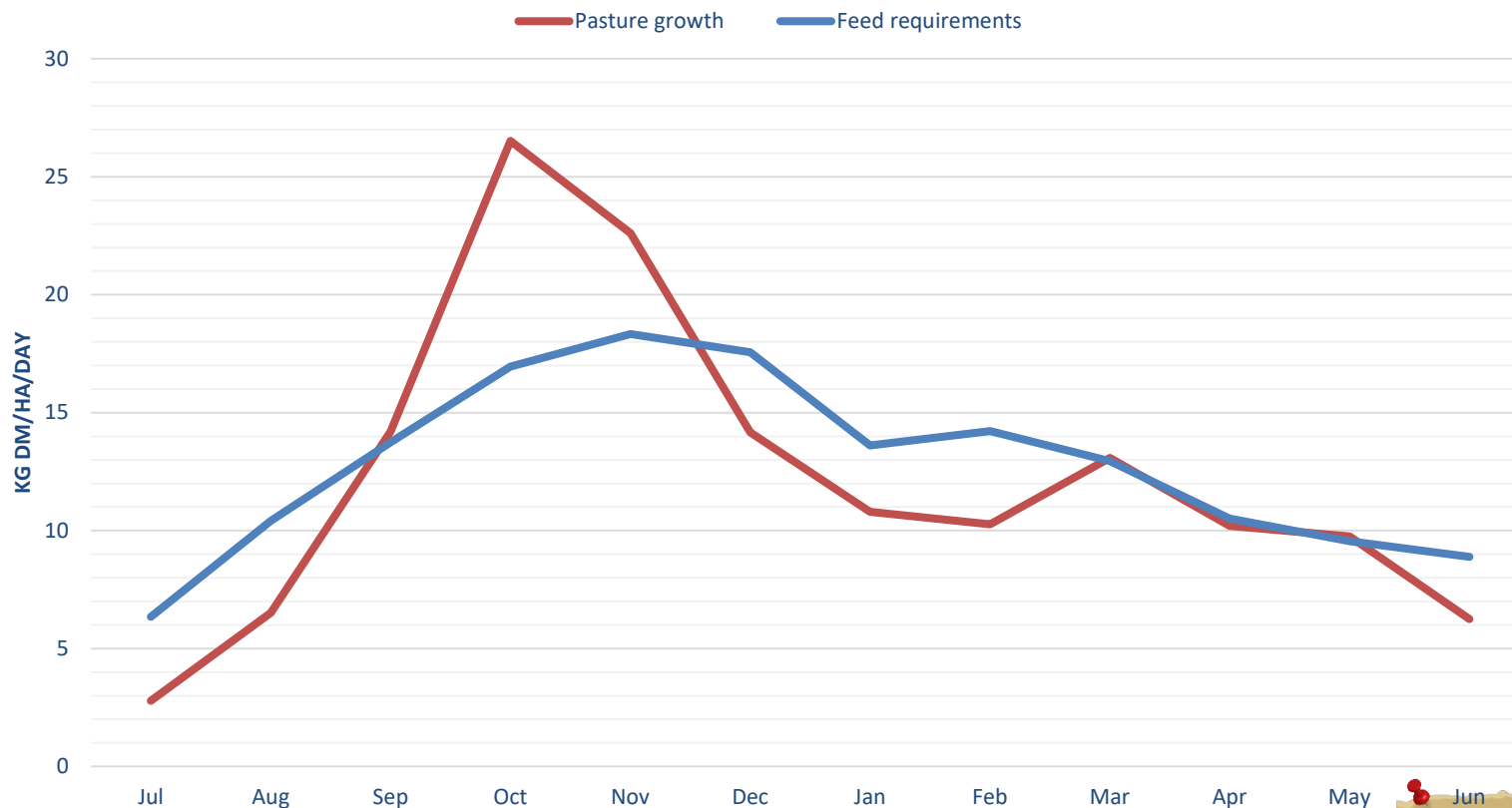
The importance of good pasture management....

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Ewes joined	2,166	2,207	2,608
Ewe condition	?	2.8	3.0
Marking percentage	122%	131%	136%
Lambs finished	3,330	3,758	3,845

# Feed budgeting

## Knowing what you have....

Pasture growth versus feed requirements





# Understanding capacity

Building momentum....

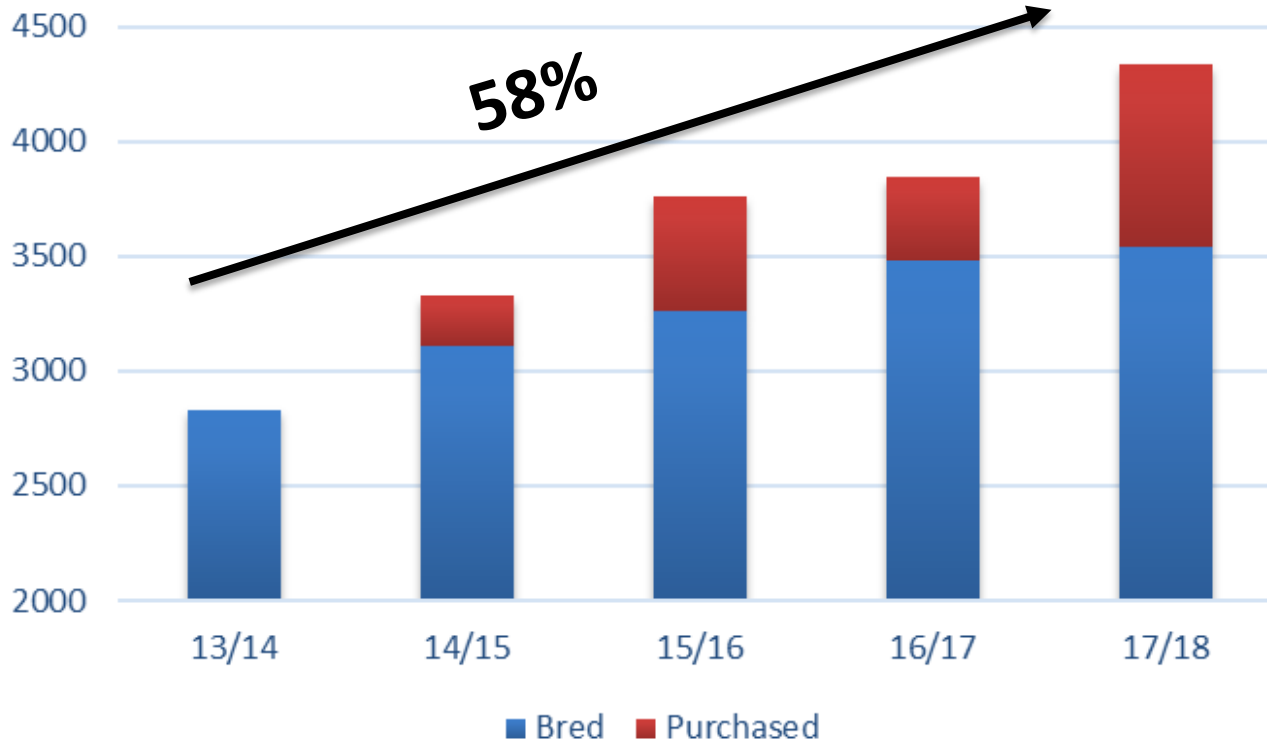
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Ewes joined	2,166	2,207	2,608	2,647
Ewe condition	?	2.8	3.0	3.2
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# Understanding capacity

Building momentum....

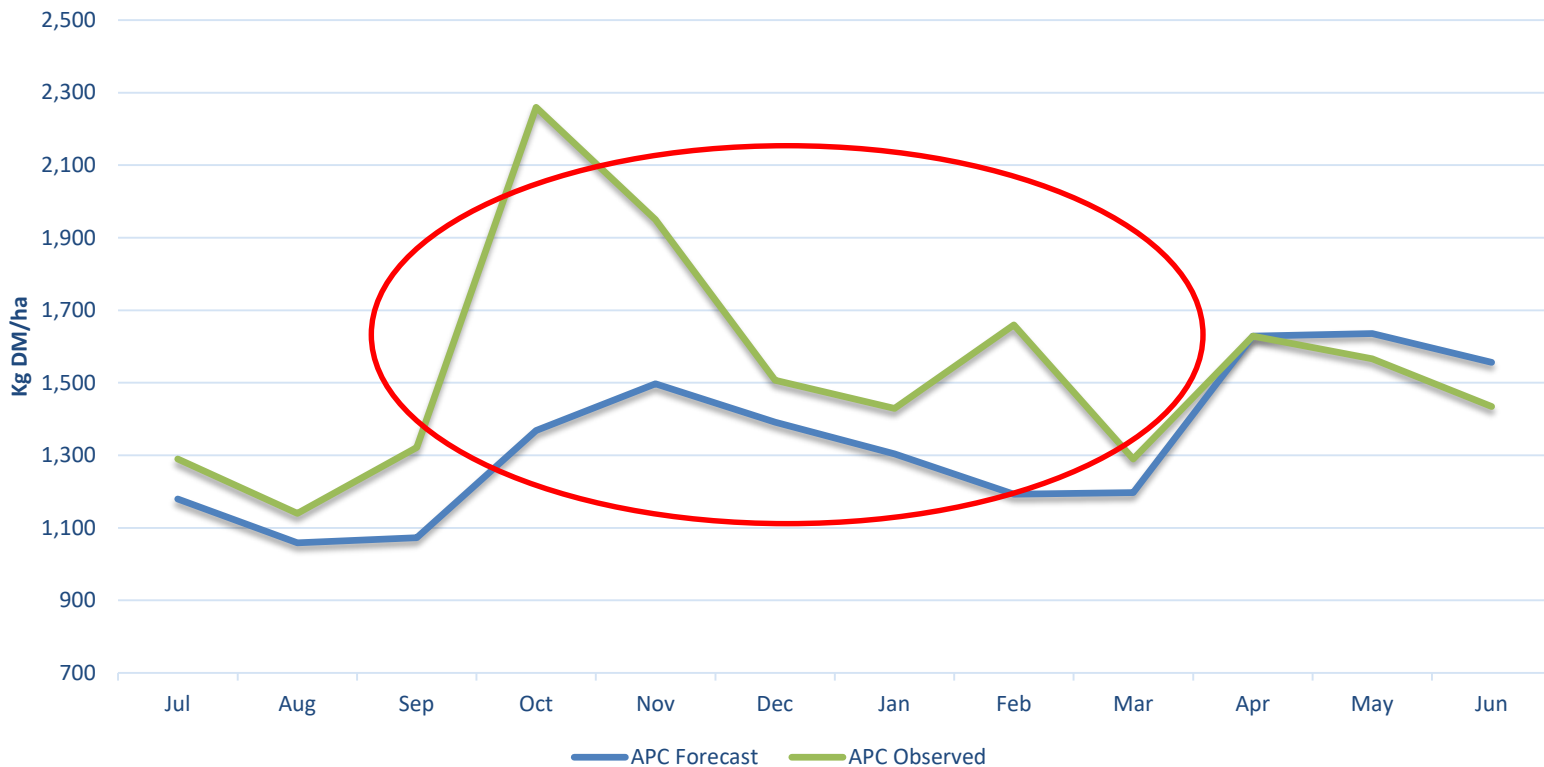
Lamb production



# Feed budgeting

## Knowing what to do with it....

Average pasture cover (APC) — 2017/18



# Understanding capacity



Moving towards capacity....

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# Top three take home messages

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1. Upskilling is worth the time and effort.
2. Challenge yourself:
  1. to grow your business
  2. to grow you.
3. Take the low hanging fruit first – the tree gets lower every year anyway.

# Tools, resources and training

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- Lifetime Ewe Management (LTEM)
- Pasture Principles - Macquarie Franklin



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